

Matoaca District Meeting 1-Citizen Comments/ Staff Response 8/10/12

Comment #	Comment	Staff Response
1	Several indicated that the Plan is understandable, attractive and educational	Agree
2	The Plan's scope should be limited to the mandatory four requirements of State Law-Land Use, Transportation, Utilities, and Natural/Cultural Resources	The law is much broader than the four areas identified and allows for a locality to consider aspects to promote the health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the inhabitants; The Plan includes consideration of additional areas to insure that Chesterfield remains a "First Choice Community" with a high quality of life
3	Establish a "resolution" process for the implementation steps; the implementation steps should be vetted by the Board and the public; implementation steps should contain a timeframe, cost, scope, advantages, disadvantages and private property impacts	The implementation steps will occur in two phases. The first phase is those steps necessary to insure implementation of the Plan; the Plan includes the timeframes for completion of phase one. The advantages and disadvantages of these steps should be vetted through the current Plan process. As the Plan notes, the second phase is not absolutely necessary since there are already tools in place which allows the public and county to implement the goals and guidelines of the Plan. However, with refinement of existing tools, implementation becomes more efficient and predictable, thereby saving taxpayer dollars. The development of the timeline and scope of phase two steps will be vetted through the public process. The steps also require accountability to the governing body as the status of the implementation step.
4	With the proposed construction of the East-West Freeway, the county needs to address extension of public utilities to the area	Following adoption of the Plan, the county's <i>Water and Wastewater Facilities Plan</i> will be updated. The update will include an analysis of the improvements that would be necessary to serve the southwestern part of the county long term.
5	Has an analysis been done to estimate the amount of revenue that will be realized based upon the Plan recommendations	One of the Plan's goals is to balance residential and economic development growth
6	With the VSU expansion, especially the proposal for a convocation center, transportation issues need to be addressed	The Plan addresses the need for a detailed Special Area Plan for the Ettrick/VSU area. This is incorporated as an Implementation item
7	What is the county's position on maintaining the Ettrick Train Station for passenger rail service	The county has not taken an official position; the Plan supports maintaining the station to support VSU and revitalization efforts in the area; the final decision on the train station will be made by Amtrak
8	How will the proposed Linear Park & Trail Facilities Plan be implemented	The water trails will occur on the water surface of the Appomattox River. The linear parks will occur on land- the county will work with developers to incorporate the parks into their plans while at the same time honoring developers' desires to maintain waterfront lots; the main goal is to provide a trail generally parallel to the river that allows travel from the western part of the county to the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers with parts of the trail adjacent to the waterfront.
9	The Plan recommends vehicular and pedestrian connectivity between residential development of similar character; yet this concept has not been politically supported in the past.	Connectivity is beneficial where the traffic impacts are minimized; it is important to continue to support connectivity where appropriate so as to build a sense of community among neighboring developments.